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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2129

PATENT 5760-20800/VRTS0578

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/825,700 Coughlan, Peter D Examiner: Filed: April 16, 2004 2129 Group/Art Unit: Inventor: Atty. Dkt. No: 5760-20800 Christopher James Elphinstone Chandler Title: Policy-Based Automation Using Multiple Inference **Techniques**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 23, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.